

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BILL THOMAS**, on January 31, 2003 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Thomas, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Noennig, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Daniel S. Hurwitz (R)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. Holly Raser (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Ron Stoker (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Susan Fox, Legislative Branch  
CJ Johnson, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: None  
Executive Action: HB 56; HB 150; HJ 13, HB 180

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150**

**Motion:** REP. MORGAN moved that HB 150 DO PASS.

**Motion:** REP. MORGAN moved that HB 150 BE AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

There was discussion regarding the amendments.

**Vote:** Motion that HB 150 BE AMENDED carried unanimously 13-0 by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT** (huh21a01)

There was discussion about exempt employees.

**Vote:** Motion that HB 150 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried unanimously by voice vote.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 180**

**Motion:** REP. RASER moved that HB 180 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

There was discussion regarding the fiscal note and funding for this program.

**Sue Fox** explained about matching funds.

**Vote:** Motion that HB 180 DO PASS carried unanimously 13-0 by voice vote.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 386**

**Motion:** REP. STOKER moved that HB 386 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

There was much discussion regarding the bill and the fiscal note.

**REP. STOKER** urged the committee to place the financial obligation for child protective cases back to the Attorney General's Office.

There was more discussion regarding funding reimbursement to county attorneys.

**REP. JENT** said that it is important for the county attorney to be involved in these cases.

There was more discussion regarding the logistics of prosecuting these cases.

**REP. GALLUS** said that this bill should have probably been referred another committee. He asked that **REP. STOKER** entertain a motion to withdraw his motion.

**Substitute Motion:** **REP. STOKER** made a substitute motion to withdraw his do pass motion.

Without objection, HB 386 was postponed.

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**CHAIRMAN THOMAS** said that regarding HB 191, he will be having a meeting with Bonnie Addy to discuss the issue of ombudsmen and will be bringing it back to the committee.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 13**

**Motion:** **REP. HURWITZ** moved that HJ 13 DO PASS.

**Motion:** **REP. WINDY BOY** moved that HJ 13 BE AMENDED.  
**EXHIBIT** (huh21a02)

#### **Discussion:**

There was some discussion regarding the bill and the amendments. The committee was reminded that one set of amendments were moved during executive action on January 29.

**Vote:** Motion that HJ 13 BE AMENDED carried unanimously 13-0 by voice vote.

**Motion/Vote:** **REP. NOENNIG** moved that HJ 13 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously 13-0 by voice vote.

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**Note:** CHAIRMAN THOMAS asked REP. NOENNIG if he was comfortable to go forward with HB 56.

REP. NOENNIG said that there were still questions on the amendments and he was not ready to go forward with executive action on the bill.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS agreed that HB 56 could be put on hold.

**Note:**

Shirley Brown, DPHHS, provided a letter to the committee clarifying her testimony on HB 90 that was heard on January 29, 2003. She also included some proposed amendments.

**EXHIBIT (huh21a03)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

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REP. BILL THOMAS, Chairman

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CJ JOHNSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (huh21aad)